

are provided facilities to inspect the stocks for quality and issues are subject to their satisfaction.

Foodgrains, sugar etc. are supplied to the Fair Price Shops (FPS) including Kendriya Bhandar outlets by the Delhi Administration. Samples of the grains are also provided to the FPS owners at the time of taking delivery and the same is required to be displayed in the FPS premises.

Officers of the Delhi Administration regularly visit the FPSs including FPSs run by Kendriya Bhandar for supervision of the quality of the items supplied under the PDS. As and when complaints about the quality of foodgrains are reported/received, remedial action is taken by the Delhi Administration, including replacement of stocks of complaints are found substantiated.

[English]

Impact of Devaluation on Drug Prices

3283. SHRI RAM PRAKASH
CHAUDHARY:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PAN-
DEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether devaluation of the rupee has affected the cost of bulk drugs and their intermediates;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of its impact on the availability of these drugs and their formulations; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). The change in exchange rate of rupee vis-a-

vis major foreign currencies has affected such bulk drugs and their intermediates which are either imported or whose production involves use of imported raw materials/intermediates. Consequently, the Government had to revise the prices of 54 bulk drugs as a corrective measure to avoid shortages of such drugs and formulations based thereon.

[Translation]

Drinking Water Shortage in Villages of Faridabad.

3284. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the serious problem of drinking water in the villages of Faridabad, Haryana; and

(b) if so, the remediate steps proposed to be taken in the matters?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) 96 villages in Faridabad district in Haryana are facing shortage of drinking water supply.

(b) Augmentation schemes for 43 villages have been approved by the State Government of Haryana. Similar schemes for 53 villages are under preparation by the State Government.

[Translation]

Magnet Cities

3285. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities which have been declared as magnet cities by the Union Government during the last year;